

## Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

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Charles A. Towne, before the silver republican convention at Kansas City, Mo., on the 5th, said he believed it to be his duty to support the ticket nominated by the democratic convention on that day.

William Jennings Bryan was unanimously nominated for president of the United States, on the 5th, by the National Democratic convention at Kansas City, Mo. The announcement was received by the members with unbounded enthusiasm.

The London morning papers, of the 2d generally published editorials speaking sympathetically of the terrible fire at Hoboken, and pointing out the liability to a similar disaster in English ports. All allude to the heroism that relieved the somberness of the tragedy.

A Shanghai dispatch of the 5th says that a report had reached there that Prince Tuan had offered the Chinese emperor and the empress dowager the choice of the sword or poison. The latter was chosen, the emperor died, but the empress still lived, though insane from the poison.

The Constantinople correspondent of the London Express telegraphed, on the 6th, that the answer promised by the porte on the subject of the indemnity claims of the United States was not forthcoming, but that semi-official assurances were given that the claims will be paid.

Dr. Henry Wade Rogers, who recently resigned the presidency of Northwestern university, has accepted a call from the trustees of Yale university to the chair of law in the New Haven institution. He will succeed the late E. J. Phelps, minister to England under President Cleveland.

Yuan Shi Kai, the governor of Shan-Tung province, has wired the French consul at Shanghai, that Prince Tuan is the virtual dictator at Peking and is preparing an order ordering the extermination of all foreigners. This probably is intended to prepare the public for the worst news.

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The United States army transport Sedgwick, having on board more than four hundred female teachers from Cuba, and the third of the fleet bringing the Cuban instructors to this country for a season of study at Harvard University's summer school, arrived at Boston on the 2d. Two more transports are yet to arrive.

The Finnish senate, on the 2d, addressed a memorial to the czar declaring its inability to promulgate the imperial rescript regarding the introduction of the Russian language into Finland, the limitation of the right of public meeting and the granting to Russians to carry on certain trades prohibited to the Finns.

The commissioner of internal revenue has extended the former ruling of the department so as to exempt the members of the diplomatic corps from stamp tax on entries of any goods, wares or merchandise at any customhouse, either for consumption or warehousing, such goods being exempted by the secretary of the treasury from customs duties.

Notice was sent out from Christian Endeavor headquarters in Boston, on the 5th, to the effect that the nomination of Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the United Christian party for president of the United States, was made without consultation with Dr. Clark and without his knowledge or consent.

In the course of an interview in London, on the 5th, Chauncey M. Depew said: "It is an impossible task to dominate or conquer China. It is necessary, of course, to rescue the missionaries, missionaries and merchants and to punish the instigators of the outrages. So far the United States will join with the other powers, but the government is opposed to the splitting up of China."

The Brussels assize court, on the 5th, returned a verdict of guilty at the trial of the prince of Wales against Jean Baptiste Spido, who fired at the prince on April 4, as the train bearing his royal highness was leaving the Northern station in that city for Copenhagen. The court considered that Spido acted without duress and sentenced him to a reformatory until he shall have attained his majority.

A dispatch from Tangier, Morocco on the 2d, said: "There is great excitement at Fez, Morocco, owing to French encroachments on the oasis of Toul. A mob killed the manager of a French concern, who was an American citizen. The British consul has demanded the assistance of the authorities to protect his house, and the Jewish ghetto is besieged. The legation here is making serious representations on the subject."

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## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

### NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The celebration in honor of the Fourth of July by American residents of Munich, was held at Tutsing. All the members of the American colony were present, as were also Victor A. Drummond, the British minister resident in Bavaria; Prof. Hommel, of the Munich university, and a number of other American visitors.

The National Negro Democratic league, at its biennial convention in Kansas City, Mo., on the 5th, elected George E. Taylor, of Iowa, president, and James A. Ross, of Buffalo, N. Y., general secretary. A committee of five was appointed on an address to the country, with Hon. F. L. McGee, of Minnesota, as chairman.

A special from Laharpe, Ia., says that Noble Prentice, editor-in-chief of the Kansas City Star, was stricken with paralysis while visiting his sister at that place on the 5th. His recovery was said to be doubtful.

The Democratic national convention, at Kansas City, on the evening of the 5th, unanimously nominated William Jennings Bryan as the democratic candidate for president of the United States amid intense enthusiasm on the part of delegates and spectators.

The platform adopted by the Democratic convention makes anti-imperialism the paramount; declares for the free coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1; denounces trusts and monopolies; favors a Nicaraguan canal under United States ownership; renounces the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and expresses sympathy with the Boer republics.

The executive committee of the American Anti-Imperialistic league has sent out notifications that that organization will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., August 15 and 16. Speeches will be delivered by Bourke Cockran, of New York; ex-Gov. Boutwell, of Massachusetts; Bishop Spalding, of Oregon; Carl Schurz, and Andrew Carnegie.

In fear of punishment for a crime for which she had been held without bail to the grand jury, Mrs. Martha Heilig, a Chicago midwife, drank carbolic acid in the presence of her husband and children, on the 5th, and died immediately.

Lord Roberts reports from Pretoria, under date of July 3, that Lieut. Rundle, of the Coburgers, with a patrol, was captured by the Boers near Pretoria on July 4. He also says that trains are running to Greylingstad, Natal; that several respectable Boers have surrendered recently; that a soldier's home has been opened at Heidelberg, the inhabitants subscribing the initial expenses, and that a total of 2,631 dollars of arms have been delivered to Gen. Barton at Klerksdorp, Krugersdorp and Potchefstroom, all in the Transvaal.

The fire in the Standard Oil Co.'s plant at Constable Hook, Bayonne, N. J., which was started early on the morning of the 5th, by a stroke of lightning, continued until 30 of the oil tanks had been destroyed. The loss is variously placed at \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

After the resignation of 11 senators, the Finnish senate, on the 6th, promulgated an imperial rescript regarding the official use of the Russian language.

The Paris Aurore learns from a good source that a young attaché of the United States embassy disappeared recently. The police are making an active search for the young man, who, it is feared, has been murdered.

A small cyclone passed over the northern part of Hardin county, Ia., on the 6th. Trees were uprooted and many buildings upset. The loss to crops is enormous. No loss of life has been reported.

Chester McCarthy, aged eight, and Reuben Hester, aged nine, were drowned at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 5th, while on an improvised raft watching men dragging the river for the body of Clarence Lutz, who was drowned the previous day. Their bodies were soon recovered.

The Northwestern Scandinavian Singers' society began its annual singing festival in St. Paul, Minn., on the 5th, with a grand concert.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, was, on the 6th, re-elected chairman of the Democratic national committee.

Brig-Gen. Thomas Barry passed through Chicago, on the 6th, on his way to the Philippines, where he is to be chief of staff under Gen. MacArthur.

The London Chronicle says that United States Ambassador Choate is in constant communication with Lord Salisbury regarding the Chinese crisis.

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Russia has finally consented to giving Japan a free hand in applying military force in China, and Japan is preparing to dispatch, at once, 20,000 more troops.

The German emperor has offered a reward of 1,000 taels to any one accomplishing the deliverance of any foreigner of any nationality whatever, now shut up in Peking, who is handed over to any German magistrate, and offering to pay the expenses of the publication of this offer in Peking.

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The London Times' Lorenzo Marquez correspondent, in a dispatch of the 6th, says: "From a trustworthy source it is learned that ex-President Steyn and Christian DeWet are the only obstacles to the termination of the war in South Africa."

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### Recent Deaths.

State Geologist John A. Gallaher at his home in Warrensburg.

He was born in Monroe county, Tenn., October 5, 1842, and located in Johnson county, when very young. He spent his boyhood days on the farm, receiving his education at the public schools of Knob-noster. He entered the confederate army, and fought under Price, Van Dorn and Hotten. At the close of the war he took a scientific course, after which he took a course in medicine. He returned to Johnson county and engaged in merchandising, lumbering and mining. He was of a scientific turn of mind and spent a private fortune in scientific researches. He was deeply versed in mining, and had visited the principal mines in the United States, Mexico and Canada. In educational and literary circles he stood high. He was appointed state geologist in June, 1887. He is well known in every mining center of the state.

Col. Amos W. Maupin, at his home in Union, aged 71. Col. Maupin earned his title during the civil war, being colonel of the Twenty-sixth and Forty-seventh Missouri volunteers. In his early life he took an active part in state and county politics, and had been circuit sheriff and collector of Franklin county.

John G. Priest, well connected in St. Louis.

John W. Reed, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, at Poplar Bluff, aged 82. He was one of Butler county's oldest residents.

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### THE STRUGGLE HAS BEEN DESPERATE.

Will Another Dispatch From Shanghai, by Way of London, Say "The Chinese Flocks Closed in Upon the Legations and Butchered All Who Remained Alive."

[Dispatches from China are every conflict. There is no doubt that there has been a great loss of life at the Chinese capital, but nothing definite has been received as to the fate of the legations of the various powers. A ray of hope is held out by a dispatch that the legations were standing July 3. The powers are about to agree to allow Japan a free hand, and to guarantee that nation an indemnity if it succeeds in pacifying the country. This action, it is said, was first suggested by the United States. England, Germany and Russia, there are strong reasons for believing, will agree.]

Two Legations Holding Out July 3. London, July 3.—A cable dispatch dated Thursday, July 5, 3 p. m., received at the London office of the inspec-torate of Chinese maritime customs, from Shanghai, says:

"Courier left Peking, July 3, when two legations were holding out against troops and Boxers. Troops had lost 2,000 men and Boxers many leaders."

A Ray of Hope. Washington, July 3.—A cablegram was received at the state department from Consul General Goodnow, at Shanghai, dated July 7, saying that the legations were standing on the 3d inst., and that the recent attack of the Boxers had been slight. They seemed disposed to adopt starvation methods.

Japan is Ready. London, July 3.—The Japanese minister, Kato Takaki, received a cable dispatch from Tokio this morning, giving his government's reply to Great Britain's question as to whether, with the consent of the other powers, Japan is willing to send large reinforcements to China. Japan replied that she was prepared to carry out the suggestion, and that one division would be dispatched immediately.

"MASSACRE CONFIRMED." This is the News From China by Way of London.

London, July 3.—The massacre of the foreign ministers, the women, the children and the European guards at Peking, after 18 days of hopeless resistance, is confirmed," says a dispatch from Shanghai, dated July 6, and received in London.

"When the ammunition and food were exhausted," continues the dispatch, "the Chinese flocks closed in upon the legations and butchered all those who remained alive. Afterwards they set the legation buildings on fire, and the remains were consumed in one horrible holocaust."

The dispatch does not state the source whence the news of this confirmation is received.

Appalling Atrocities. Reports of the atrocities committed by Prince Tuan upon the Chinese are appalling. He had 4,000 leading Chinese butchersed. It is said, for merely daring to petition him to control the orgy of blood and restrain his followers.

The dispatch concludes with the announcement that ex-Viceroy Chi Li Wang Chao has been killed by the Boxers.

Reports from natives who left Peking June 24, continue to arrive, but they are, to a large extent, merely variations of the stories already published.

The Last Message From Peking. A dispatch from Taku says that the last message from Mr. Edwin S. Conger, United States minister at Peking, brought there by runners, reads as follows:

"We are besieged. The provisions are becoming exhausted, and the situation is desperate. The relief force should advance and give us notice by signal."

Runners also confirm the report of the burning of the native city of Peking.

The Worst Has Happened. In London it is hardly doubted that the worst has happened, though the friends of those who were besieged at Peking cling to the last slender hope.

American Missionaries Safe. Chicago, July 9.—James W. Porter, of Chicago, has received a cablegram from Che Foo, China, announcing that his brother, Rev. Henry D. Porter, and his sister, Miss Mary H. Porter, missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions stationed at Pang Chuang, 200 miles south of Tien Tsin, had arrived safely at Che Foo from Chienfu, the capital of the province. They were accompanied by Rev. H. P. Perkins, another missionary stationed at Pang Chuang.

Bombarding the Tien Tsin Legation. London, July 9.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin, dated July 3, says: "Since early morning the Chinese have heavily bombarded the settlements. Admiral Seymour has ordered the women and children conveyed to Taku at the earliest possible moment."

To Command the French in China. Paris, July 9.—It is announced that Gen. Dods, the hero of the Dahomey campaign, has been appointed to the command of the French expedition to China.

## THE NEW CHARTER OF HAVANA.

Absolute Control of Local Affairs Now Rests in the Hands of the City Government.

Havana, July 9.—The new charter of the city of Havana will go into effect immediately after its publication, which will be made this week. The powers of the recently-elected officials are thereby greatly increased. The city will have control of all matters within its boundary, particularly the establishment and regulation of the city administration; the adoption of measures relating to the use, arrangement and ornamentation of public ways; the comfort and health of the inhabitants; the promotion of their material and moral interests and the security of their persons and property.

The charter gives the new officials authority as to the closing, opening, alignment, widening, grading and cleaning of streets, squares, parks and every class of public ways; their use by persons, animals, vehicles, etc.; their occupation by pillars, rails, pipes and other objects, and their paving, lighting and sewerage.

It also gives them charge of the supply and distribution of water to park ways, streets, bathing establishments, laundries, fountains and troughs, and of the markets, slaughterhouses, institutions of instruction and city prisons and the local reformatory.

The officials are also given supervision of the sanitary and hygienic service and of amusements and public meetings, the use of and the maintenance of good order upon public ways. This covers such matters as the display of advertisements, the exhibition of flags on the street, hawking noises, the discharge of firearms and fireworks within the city boundaries. Vagrants, the suppression of vice and immorality, the regulation of rates for vehicles, the regulation of gas, water and electricity, telephonic and telegraphic connections, the fire department, watchmen, private police and the imposition of fines for the breaking of ordinances are also matters with which they are empowered to deal; but it is provided that the officials shall impose no fines in excess of \$50.

The municipal administration shall include the use, care and preservation of lands, goods and rights which are appurtenant to the city and the establishments dependent thereon, and the administration, distribution, collection and expenditure of and accounting for all income and taxes necessary to carry on the municipal functions.

The officials shall have power to grant franchises and concessions. In such matters as are not within their functions the city council and mayor must, within the limits of their power, assist the central government.

Neither the central nor the provincial government shall have power to interfere in matters placed under the control of the city officials. This gives more complete power than was ever before given to a municipality in the island.

The granting of a charter to Havana will doubtless be followed by the granting of charters to other cities as soon as the documents can be prepared.

The orders recently issued for the removal of a large number of troops from Cuba have been gladly welcomed by the Cubans, and Gen. Wood is in receipt of many letters from various municipalities offering thanks for what they call his disposition to trust the Cubans, and declaring that the entire island is in a state of absolute tranquility.

## MAY RENEW THE TROUBLE.

St. Louis Street Car Employees Threaten Again to Go on Strike.

St. Louis, July 9.—At a secret meeting of the executive committee of the Street Railway Men's union yesterday morning it was decided to call a meeting of the union men this morning at ten o'clock at West End coliseum to pass upon the advisability of re-suming the strike. Yesterday not only were the street car men active in the renewal of the fight, but all other branches of organized labor in the city met, and by a practically unanimous vote decided to tender their moral and financial support to the railway men if they decided to renew the fight.

The executive committee of the former employees of the Transit company held a secret session in the forenoon at Waltham hall. None of the members would say what action was taken in the meeting.

However, it was learned that the whole session was devoted to a discussion of the alleged failure on the part of the Transit company to live up to the terms of the agreement of July 2. It was stated that the Transit company had been obtained from several employees of the company who swore that they had gone to work since the execution of the last agreement. The executive committee, after a session of several hours, decided to call a meeting of all the strikers at the West End coliseum this morning at ten o'clock, when the matter would be submitted for final action.

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Ran Through an Open Switch. Chicago, July 9.—An open switch at the intersection of Robin street and Milwaukee avenue, caused the derailing of a crowded south-bound Milwaukee avenue grip car last night. Eight passengers were injured seriously, and many were bruised or shaken up.

A Four-Year-Old Burned to Death. Muncie, Ind., July 9.—Cyrus the four-year-old son of Homer Laughlin, a glass worker, was burned to death last evening while playing with matches.

## THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

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The German East Asiatic Squadron Sails for China—Rumors of Counter Revolution—Operations at Tien-Tsin in No Way Decisive, But Chinese Full of Fight.